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Born, raised in Philly

## **Local engineer receives national recognition**

Norfolk, Va. – On May 2, during its annual conference in Philadelphia, Pa., the National Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) awarded the society's Wheeler Medal to a Philadelphia son, William (Bill) A. Sorrentino, Jr., for his contributions and leadership to the military engineering community. In announcing the award, U.S. Army Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock recognized Sorrentino for his leadership of his team and his "personal combination of customer-focus and insistence on technical excellence, inspiring those around (him) to perform to the highest standards."

The Wheeler Medal, a national medal named in memory of Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, a former Army Chief of Engineers and past president of SAME, is presented annually to a member of the Army Corps of Engineers in recognition of his or her achievements in design, construction, administration, research or development. The recipient is selected through a process that begins with nominations from the field which are then considered at the national level by a committee appointed by the Army Chief of Engineers.

Sorrentino, the Chief of Engineering, Construction & Operations for the Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was nominated for the award for his outstanding leadership, professionalism, innovation and out-of-the box thinking that has contributed significantly to our nation's Armed Forces in a host of areas. These include the Global War on Terror, his work in streamlining Norfolk District's critical business processes and his contributions in enabling the district to better leverage its customers' dollars. He has been recognized as Norfolk District's "go-to-guy to get things done."

Sorrentino's day to day responsibilities include managing and leading the district's largest division with over 250 employees and an annual budget exceeding \$250 million. His responsibilities extend to the national level where he is responsible for \$2 billion in Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) work and for developing and maintaining design standards and criteria for seven Army Center of Standardization facility types.

Sorrentino is a registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia, a certified Project Management Professional, and a graduate of the Gallup Leadership Institute, the Federal Executive Institute and the Army Management Staff College. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and has completed postgraduate engineering work at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. He is a 30-year employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Sorrentino is the son of Northeast Philadelphia residents William and Rose Sorrentino, who reside on Haldeman Ave.